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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Stam et al.

APPLICATION NO: 10/714,995

FILED: November 17, 2003

FOR: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES FROM DROSOPHILA MELANOGASTER THAT  
ENCODE PROTEINS ESSENTIAL FOR VIABILITY AND USES THEREOF

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The Appeal Brief was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

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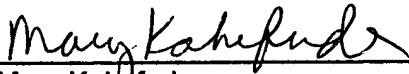
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the mailing of FORM POL-327 and/or Examiner's Amendment on \_\_\_\_\_.

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